



## Fire Management Plan National Environmental Policy Act

### What is NEPA?

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is the mandate of any federal agency or department for the protection of the environment. It sets as a goal for federal decision making a balance between use and preservation of natural and cultural resources. NEPA ensures that federal agencies act in good faith during federal undertakings.

Details of NEPA are found in  
40 CFR 1500-1508.

### NEPA and You

When a federal action is planned, interested public and affected agencies are provided the opportunity to provide input, identify issues, and offer solutions prior to the preparation of the final NEPA document.

#### This is accomplished through:

- Public Scoping
- Public Review of and Comment on Draft Environmental Impact Statements



### How Does NEPA Relate to the FMP?

- The Fire Management Plan (FMP) is a planning document that will address the management of fire within Grand Canyon National Park.
- The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is a detailed environmental document that analyzes the impacts of various management alternatives associated with the planning document.
- The EIS will help the National Park Service determine the preferred management alternative and this alternative will provide the basis for updating/revising the FMP.

### Timeline for EIS and FMP

Notice of Intent (NOI) to Public	Sept 16, 2003
Public Scoping / Involvement	Fall 2003
Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to Public	Spring 2004
Public Review and Comment of DEIS	Spring/Summer 2004
Record of Decision (ROD) to Public	Fall 2004
GRCA Fire Management Plan Completed	Sept. 30, 2004 (target)

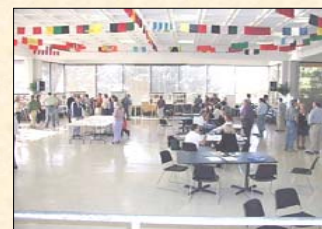
### Public Involvement

#### How long is the public scoping process?

The scoping process includes an initial inventory of interested public and affected agencies. This process can last **60** or more days for an Environmental Impact Statement.

#### How long does formal public review /comment of the Draft Environmental Document last?

Formal public review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement must last for a minimum of **60** days.



### How to Comment on the FMP/EIS

- Mail comments to:

**Fire Management Plan  
Grand Canyon National Park  
PO Box 129  
Grand Canyon, AZ 86023**

- Email comments to:

***grca\_fmp@nps.gov***

*All email should be sent as text files with no special characters or encryption. Please include your name, email address, and mailing address with all comments.*

- Comment forms may be completed and left at scoping meetings or mailed in later.

- Comments may be hand delivered to Grand Canyon National Park HQ.

### Steps in Developing an Environmental Impact Statement

1. Identify the need for action.
2. Identify goals and objectives in taking action.
3. Identify the proposal.
4. Identify issues or problems that need to be addressed to reach goals and objectives using an interdisciplinary approach.
5. Resolve these issues by creating reasonable alternatives that mitigate problems.
6. Identify information gaps and needs and gather needed data to describe affected environment and predict impacts.
7. Identify the impacts of each alternative on those environmental resources identified as impact topics.